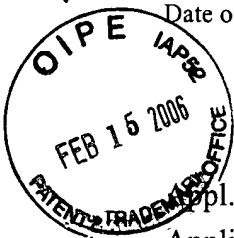


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Applicants : William P. Acker, et al.
Filed : November 30, 2001
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Customer No. : 35437
For : FUEL CELL MEMBRANE AND FUEL CELL SYSTEM WITH
INTEGRATED GAS SEPARATION

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a two-month (2) extension of time to respond to the September 15, 2005 non-final Office Action in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before February 15, 2006. A check in the amount of **\$225.00** in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2), is enclosed herewith, for a small entity.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. **50-0311**, Reference No. 21535-001. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Dated: February 15, 2006

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